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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: THREADED JOINT FOR AN OIL WELL PIPE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SAME (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

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**Remarks are submitted on page 6.**